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Further papers in connection with the removal of Major General the Earl of Dundonald from the command of the Canadian Militia.

(Private.)

OTTAWA, March 26, 1904.

Lieut.-Colonel F. WHITLEY,  
Montreal, P.Q.

I am aware that you are doing some work in connection with the organization of additional mounted regiments in the Eastern Townships, and my attention has been called to the fact that considerable dissatisfaction exists in several quarters in the townships owing to the fact that Montreal officers are being selected to recruit and command country regiments. I have every confidence in your judgment and your good will towards myself and the government generally, but I think it desirable that you should understand the real position in order that you may take the utmost care in any work you may be doing in this regard. Several names have been mentioned to me, but I will not trouble you at present further than to say that the Honourable Mr. Fisher has written me in reference to Mr. Watson P. Miltimore, of Sweetsburg, who would like to receive a commission in 'D' Squadron, whose headquarters are at Stanbridge East.

If you have time I would be glad if you would write me privately as to this matter, and as to what is being done generally.

F. W. BORDEN.

MONTREAL, March 28, 1904.

Sir F. W. BORDEN,  
Ottawa.

We received this morning a letter from you to Lieut.-Colonel Whitley. We beg to say that Colonel Whitley is at present in England, but we have forwarded on your letter.

FRED WHITLEY & CO., E.A.W.

ST. JOHNS, Q., August 24, 1904.

*Dundonald Rifle Association.*

The Adjutant General,  
Headquarters.

Herewith is a requisition, in duplicate, for the issue of 15 Lee-Enfield rifles in exchange for 15 Martini-Metfords, formerly in possession of the Fisher Gun Club, members of which have joined the Dundonald R. A.

This exchange is recommended for approval.

A. ROY, *Lieut-Colonel, D.O.C., M.D. 6*



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Mr. JARVIS.

Will you kindly let me know, for the minister's information, (1) who the late captain of the Dundonald Rifle Association was ?

Also (2) who signed or who made the remarks which appear on the 'Target Return,' dated 31st December, 1903 ?

CHAS. L. PANET,  
Acting P.S.

June 24, 1904.

Mr. PANET.

(1) Lt.-Col. Bulman.

(2) J. M. Miltimore signed the return. No name appears to the remarks, but they would appear to be his.

E. F. JARVIS.

June 25, 1904.

HEAD-QUARTERS, OTTAWA, August 29, 1903.

*Re Issue of Rifles to the Dundonald Rifle Association.*

C. S. of S.,  
Ottawa.

Attached herewith is a bond from the Dundonald Rifle Association for \$575. This bond is to cover the value of the fifteen rifles turned over to them by the Fisher Gun Club, and also for eight additional Lee-Enfield rifles which they are entitled to owing to an increase of membership by thirty-one members.

The bond for the rifles turned over by the Iron Hill Gun Club has not yet materialized.

R. C., *Lieut.-Colonel, Inspector of Musketry.*

HEAD-QUARTERS, OTTAWA, August 29th, 1903.

*Re Exchange of Martini-Metford Rifles for Lee-Enfield Rifles.*

D. O. C., M. D. No. 6,  
St. Johns.

It is regretted that this exchange cannot be recommended. The Martini-Metford rifle is as good a weapon as the Lee-Enfield. It is undesirable to exchange rifles once they have been issued to a rifle association, because it would mean the returning into store of a number of part worn rifles which could not be re-issued without causing dissatisfaction.

Steps have been successfully taken to open the Dominion Rifle Association matches to the Martini-Metford rifle so that it is no longer barred. Similar steps are not being taken in regard to having the bar removed from the Provincial Rifle Association matches.

R. C., *Lieut.-Colonel, Inspector of Musketry.*



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R. CARTWRIGHT, *Lieut.-Colonel, Inspector of Musketry.*

ST. JOHNS, P.Q., August 31st, 1903.

*Bond for Rifles, Dundonald Rifle Association.*

To the Adjutant General,  
Head-quarters.

Herewith is a bond from the Dundonald Rifle Association, substituting one for rifles previously issued to the Iron Hill Gun Club.

A. ROY, *Lieut.-Colonel, D.O.C., M.D. 6.*

HEAD-QUARTERS, OTTAWA, September 3rd, 1903.

*Re Exchange of Rifles, Dundonald Rifle Association.*

D. O. C., M. D. No. 6,  
St. Johns, Que.

The attached requisition should have been returned with my minute of August 29th, *re* exchange of Martini-Metford rifles.

R. C., *Lieut.-Colonel, Inspector of Musketry.*

HEAD-QUARTERS, OTTAWA, September 3rd, 1903.

C. S. of S.,  
Ottawa.

Forwarded herewith is a bond for \$375 from the Dundonald Rifle Association, substituting one for rifles previously issued to the Iron Hill Gun Club.

R. C., *Lieut.-Colonel, Inspector of Musketry.*

SWEETSBURG, October 26, 1903.

Col. CARTWRIGHT, Ottawa, Ont.

I am taking the liberty to write to you as one of the committee of the Dundonald Rifle Club for information on two points.

The regulations say before a person can be ranked as an effective member he shall take an oath before a justice of the peace; would it be proper to have it administered by an officer of the militia or only by a justice of the peace, as per regulations.

We have a number of members who have died since joining, and still others who have gone to live at distant places, and others who have never been at the range to



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shoot any part of their 100 rounds of ammunition. Can you inform me what to do with such ammunition?

An early reply will greatly oblige.

J. M. MILTIMORE,  
Sweetsburg, P.Q.

MILITIA HEAD-QUARTERS, October 28th, 1903.

J. M. MILTIMORE, Esq., Sweetsburg, Que.

In answer to your letter of October 26th, *re* Dundonald Rifle Association, the justice of the peace is the only one who can administer the oath. It is very easy, however, for any influential man like the captain of a rifle association to have himself made a justice of the peace, thus obviating the main difficulty.

In regard to your members who have died, their names should simply be struck off the list, and care should be taken that they are not included in any returns afterwards sent in. In regard to those who have gone to live in outside places and those who never turn out to practice at all, simply strike them off the roll for non-attendance, if necessary adding a rule to your standard rules on the lines of section 6 of the Regulations for Rifle Associations. Of course, you would have to use your discretion before turning out officers or men who pay their annual subscription regularly, as such subscriptions would be of great value in assisting to help to keep your rifle association in doing good work, the ammunition, of course, must be accounted for annually, and such quantities as remain over being debited to the club's free issue for the ensuing year.

R. C., *Lieut.-Colonel, Inspector of Musketry.*



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## RANGE TARGET PRACTICE RETURN.

DUNDONALD Rifle Association, beginning October 14, Military District No. 6.

Number.	Rank and Name.	1ST DAY.				2ND DAY.					Grand Total.	Remarks.
		200 Yards.	200 Yards.	300 Yards.	Total.	200 Yards.	500 Yards.	600 Yards.	200 Yards.	Total.		
1	Lt.-Col. Bullman .....	29	28	27	84	28	29	29	24	110	194	
2	R. Powers.....	30	19	23	72	26	31	29	23	109	181	
3	Casper Scott.....	15	13	7	35		17		16			Not finished.
4	W. H. Lynch.....	30	24	23	77	26	28	29	25	108	185	
5	H. L. Fuller .....	0	15	18	33	0	6	4	13	23	56	
6	S. McLaughlin.....	26	23			20	16	11	29	76		Not finished.
7	H. Jones.....	20	15	16	51	19	18	18	16	71	122	
8	C. S. Cotton .....	22	14	19	55	17	0		26			Not finished.
9	F. H. Pickel.....	18	20	10	48	22	18	8	26	74	122	
10	H. G. Baker.....	16	22	20	58	19	14	23	21	77	135	
11	Roy Wells .....	30	17		81	27			34			Not finished.
12	G. L. Fuller.....	30	23	28	81	27	25	22	18	92	173	
13	F. Vail.....	21	25		81				19			Not finished.
14	W. Miltimore.....	20	23		49				15			"
15	C. F. Taylor .....	8	15	29	67	23	10	8	19	60	112	
16	J. G. Persons.....	29	22		52							Not finished.
17	H. Allen.....	29	27	25	81	28	23	31	25	107	188	
18	K. Allen.....	16	19	14	49	26	25	30	18	99	148	
19	H. Miltimore.....	21	20	26	67	22	21		28			Not finished.
20	H. Persons.....	20	21	18	64				20			"
21	F. Bennett .....	20	23	20	63	32	12	11	25	80	143	
22	N. Couter .....	16	12	19	47	16	27		8			Not finished.
23	G. W. Whitehead .....	19	25	23	67	21	20	20	22			"
24	F. Powers.....	25	20	22	67	24	21	20	27	92	159	
25	Jas. McCabe.....	27	14	12	53	26	10		19			Not finished.
26	M. Miltimore.....	27	19									"
27	J. Persons .....	14	14	18	46				14			"
28	J. McCream.....	25	19	18	62	28	25	17	24	94	156	
29	G. M. Thompson.....	24	19			26	29	28	25	108		Not finished.
30	J. M. Miltimore.....	30	32	28	90	29	29	27	28	113	203	
31	N. McCream.....	18	14	15	47	20	7	21	21	69	116	
32	W. E. Beel.....	26	23			27	27	23				Not finished.
33	C. Hall.....	34	28	14	76	28	30	26	25	109	185	
34	L. D. Von Iffland.....	27	31	24	82	29	32	33		84	166	
35	M. Hastings .....	28	26	29	83	29	33	31				Not finished.
36	W. O. Schufelt.....	20	21	16	57	16	8	11	24	59	116	
37	T. Hall.....	27	24	26	77	29			21			Not finished.
38	G. W. Hawley.....	30	23	22	75	29	23	27	27	106	181	
39	C. Homer .....	28	28	26	82				26			Not finished.
40	W. J. Brimmer.....	7	6	6	19	11						"
41	B. Pickel.....	13	11	14	38	14			15			"
42	Rev. Mason .....	24	13	21	58		5		22			"
43	E. Wright.....	29	30	15	74				16			"
44	E. Butler.....	26	13						18			"
45	F. Schufelt.....	11	10			15			4			"
46	Bert Robb .....	17	18						15			"
47	S. Swasey .....	12	11						6			"
48	E. Addison.....	21	18			21	25		23			"
49	W. C. McCabe.....	21	19				23	15	19			"
50	H. E. Leal.....	19	18			23	19		16			"
51	Archie Miltimore.....	23	26	15	64	23	22	11	23	79	143	

Note.—This return to be sent to the D.O.C. by December 31.

I certify that the above practice was conducted as far as practicable in accordance with Regulations and that the points recorded were obtained by men of the Association opposite whose names they appear; further that no ball ammunition issued to me for the use of the Association has been expended otherwise than above recorded, and that Rifle Association Rules and marking have been adhered to.

J. M. MITTIMORE,  
Commanding Rifle Association.



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## REMARKS.

I find that only 51 members took part in the class firing and that only 21 finished their scores.

The reason of this is that the late captain did not give due notice that the shoot was going to take place (which was held late in the season, commencing October 14), and as the members of the "Dundonald Club" are very scattered, covering I am sure about 15 miles; only those whose names are enclosed knew that such shooting was going on, and as a result a large number of the members have not had an opportunity to use the last half of their free ammunition, which of course is held by the secretary of the club.

These returns are an accurate copy given me by the late captain. I am not personally acquainted with them, but trust they are O.K.

Dated at Sweetsburg, this 31st day of December, 1903.

SWEETSBURG, Q., January 26th, 1904.

*The Department of Militia and Defence to the Dundonald Civilian Rifle Association.*

To grant in aid of rifle range, in connection with the above association, for season of 1903.

Members, one hundred and thirty-two, \$60.

I hereby certify that the *bona fide* membership of this rifle association during the season of 1903, which this claim is intended to cover, numbers one hundred and thirty-two active members who take part in practice. Sixty-two others who were enrolled, but who did not practice but helped in other ways.

J. M. MILTIMORE, *Capt., the Dundonald Civilian R. A.*

Certified and recommended for payment.

A. ROY, *Lieut.-Colonel D. O. C. 6.*

February 13, 1904.

Paid by C. 8907 on 7th March, 1904.

G. G., *for Accnt.*

The Hon. the Minister of M. & D.

Forwarded and recommended for payment, R. Cartwright, Lieut.-Colonel, Inspector of Musketry, for G.O.C.

February 15, 1904.

HEADQUARTERS, 27th May.

*Dundonald Rifle Association.*

The D.O.C., M.D. 6,  
St. John, P.Q.

*Re* exchange of the Martini-Metford rifles for Lee-Enfield rifles, for the Dundonald Rifle Association, asked for by you in your minute of August 24th last.

Arrangements have been made to exchange an equal number of Martini-Metfords for Lee-Enfields, and you are directed to cause requisitions to be made for the return into stores of the old rifles and the issue of new ones.

By order,

R. C. Lt.-Col. I. of M., for Adjutant General.



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OTTAWA, 27th May, 1904.

The Honourable  
SIDNEY FISHER,  
Minister of Agriculture.

In reference to your request *re* exchange of rifles for the Dundonald Rifle Association, arrangements have been made to exchange the Martini-Metfords held by this Association for Lee-Metfords. This is the best we are able to do with the stores which we have on hand.

I attach, herewith, a copy of my letter on this subject to the District Officer Commanding, Military District No. 6, of the 29th August last. You will see by this the reasons that limit us in issuing and exchanging rifles. The Lee-Metford is as good a rifle as the Lee-Enfield, although not quite as new a pattern, the difference being the number of grooves in the barrel.

The officers of the Dundonald Rifle Association are quite correct in their statement as to the new bond being made out for \$25 instead of \$15, but as our new regulations place \$25 upon the value of the rifle, there is no way of changing this, and in reality it does not affect the matter very seriously.

The District Officer Commanding, Military District No. 6, is being notified that he may have Martini-Metfords belonging to the Dundonald Association returned into store by requisition and Lee-Metfords issued in their place.

Yours very truly,

R. C.



